

# **FALL FESTIVAL MINUTES**

## **JANUARY 28, 2009**

### **Attendance:**

Bill Brewer, Jim & Sue Brandenburg, Rod Magnusen, June Voge, Ethel Maxworthy, Norma Woodman, Lin Howard, Mike & Margaret Palubinski, Roy & Barb Carter, Fran Patch, Rich LeFeber, Eva Arnold, Tom Straub, Don Jones, Jason Rowland, Kris Wood, Connie Crouse Tim Huffman.

### **Call to Order:**

Chairperson Jim Brandenburg brought the meeting to order at 7 PM on January 28, 2009.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was made by Norma Woodman to approve the agenda as presented - seconded by Eva Arnold - the motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

### **Approval of the October 22, 2008 Minutes:**

Motion made by Lin Howard to approve the minutes as presented - seconded by Eva Arnold - motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Margaret Palubinski presented the written report that all present were given a copy. Balance on hand was \$3228.93 A motion was made by Don Jones to approve the report as presented - seconded by Kris Wood - motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Audit of Books**

Sue Brandenburg reported that the director's (Sue Brandenburg, Jason Rowland, and Deb Bennett) audited the books as presented by treasurer Margaret Palubinski and stated all was in order and signed off by the three directors as approved. A motion was made by Lin Howard to approve the audit - seconded by Eva Arnold - motion passed unanimously.

A question was brought up by Connie Crouse of the reconciliation of the beer money brought in through the beer sales on October 4, 2008. This was the only on hand money available to pay for extra supplies. Kris Wood did donate his own money for much of the beer. Issues like this would be better prepared in the future.

### **New Business:**

#### **Election of Officers**

##### **Chairperson**

A motion was made by Don Jones to nominate Jim Brandenburg as chairperson - seconded by Fran Patch. Motion made to close nominations by Mike Palubinski - seconded by Don Jones - motion passed unanimously via a voice vote. The nominee, Jim Brandenburg for 2009, unanimously passed the committee via a voice vote.

### **Vice Chairperson**

A motion to nominate Fran Patch was made by Don Jones - seconded by Eva Arnold. Fran Patch declined the nomination. A motion was then made to nominate Kris Wood by Fran Patch - seconded by Don Jones. Motion to close the nominations was made by Mike Palubinski - seconded by Connie Crouse. This motion was unanimously accepted by a voice vote. A unanimous voice vote then put Kris Wood in place as the Vice Chair for 2009.

### **Secretary**

A motion was made to nominate Tom Straub as secretary by Fran Patch - seconded by Margaret Palubinski. Motion made by Mike Palubinski to close the nominations - seconded by Connie Crouse - passed unanimously via a voice vote. The voice vote unanimously approved Tom Straub as secretary for 2009.

### **Treasurer**

Motion made by Eva Arnold to nominate Margaret Palubinski as Treasurer for 2009 - seconded by Jason Rowland. Motion made by Lin Howard to close the nominations - seconded by Kris Wood - motion passed unanimously. The voice vote unanimously approved Margaret Palubinski as treasurer for 2009.

### **Board of Directors**

Sue Brandenburg's term as director expires in 2009. Jason Rowland term expires 2010 and Deb Bennett's term expires 2011. One director is needed. Norma Woodman made a motion to nominate Sue Brandenburg to another term to expire in 2012 - seconded by Eva Arnold. Nominations were closed via a motion by Mike Palubinski - seconded by Connie Crouse - motion passed unanimously via a voice vote. The nominee - Sue Brandenburg received a unanimous voice vote to continue as a director for another three year term.

### **Update on Grant Money through Alliant Energy**

Tom Straub reported that the funds available are being somewhat restricted in 2009 due to the economic downturn. As reported in 2008 Alliant would like to see funds earned towards a project are established before granting their money towards projects like ours - rematting the nature trail. We would not be able to receive a grant until 2010 based on Alliant's requirements. The grant application would be tabled until 2010 unless new information comes forward. Sue Brandenburg also reported that Alliant's grant money is being awarded more for food pantries and helping needy projects like this due to the economy.

### **Upcoming Events for 2009**

#### **Memorial Day Service**

Chairperson Jim Brandenburg reported that Bob Angstrom will be available in May 2009 to take part in the ceremony. Jim asked for authorization to sponsor the event rain or shine from both the committee and subsequently from the town board. A motion was made by Fran Patch to have the Fall Fest again sponsor the event on May 24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) - seconded by Kris Wood - motion passed unanimously via a voice vote. Bill Brewer will take the recommendation to the board for their approval at the next meeting. Don Jones reported the Shopiere cemetery will more than likely have grass growing on the new addition by this time.

## **Fund Raisers from 2007 and Profit/Loss (-) Where Available\**

	<b>Support Services</b>
Breakfast	Advertising
Breakfast Tickets - \$299 after expenses	Tents
Craft Booths - \$345	Tables for Food
50/50 Tickets - \$288	Barricades
Vietnam Veterans	Picnic Tables
National Anthem	Wagons
Historical Hayride	Ticket Office
Raffle - \$1153	Turtles
Turtle Race	Cord Wood
Fire and Police Activities	Patch Train
Food - \$1012.64	Tractors/Trailers for Hayride
Pies - Shopiere Church	Ice
Ticket Sales - \$2881	Point of Entry Signs
Beer - \$350	Trash Bags
Children's Games	Electrical & Sound
Silent Auction - \$2214	Funny Money
Live Auction - \$3539	Start up Money
Live Auction (Children)	Billboard
Cash Donations - \$2200	Clean Up
Popcorn - \$66.50	Articles for Display
Patch Train	
Cotton Candy - (- \$73.18)	
Scavenger Hunt	
Jump Machine - \$8.00	
Karaoke Music	
Bonfire	
Fireworks	

## **2008 Children's Fall Festival Activities to Consider**

Pedal Tractor Race	Food	Smarter than a Fifth Grader
Beer	Donation Jar	Burlap Sack Race
Pumpkin Decorations	Fire Truck Rides	Patch Train Ride
Historical Hayride	Quarter Hunt	Balloon Toss
Balloon Launch	Spoon Egg Toss	Byerly Balloons
Basketball	Ice	General Store
Signage		

As a footnote the food committee for the Vet. Memorial program was organized with

volunteers Deb Bennett, June Voge, Margaret Palubinski, and Barb Carter.

Chairperson Jim Brandenburg then brought up the date of October 3, 2009 to hold the event and asked for a motion to that effect. A motion to approve the date for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Festival event on Oct. 3, 2009 was made by Fran Patch - seconded by Eva Arnold - via a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting - February 25, 2009 at 7 PM in the Community Center.**

Jim Brandenburg then introduced whether we should change direction and partner with the town parks committee, the Town Board, and possibly with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee to look into making some of our funds available for bathrooms in close proximity to the playground equipment (Andrew McFall Park area). We all should look at what best fit's the money we donate and where more people can realize an immediate benefit. This will be brought up at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Connie Crouse at 8:18 PM - seconded by Kris Wood - passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Straub

- **Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers - Gen. Colin Powell**
- **Its hard to lead a cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse - Adlai Stevenson**
- **The person who knows “how” will always have a job. The person who knows “why” will always be his boss - Diane Ravich**
- **Inventories can be managed, but people must be led - H. Ross Perot**
- **You have to have a great vision. It's got to be a vision you articulate clearly and forcefully. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet - Rev. Theodore Hesburgh**